

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**September 9, 2003**

**FROM:** RUDY LOPEZ, Director  
Department of Behavioral Health

**SUBJECT: GRANT ALLOCATION APPLICATION TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
HEALTH FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve submission of annual grant allocation application for continuation of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Federal Block Grant in the amount of \$3,059,486 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Approval of this item will allow the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to submit a grant allocation application to the State Department of Mental Health for annual funding for substance abuse and mental health services.

The SAMHSA federal block grant through the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) provides counties with funds to establish or expand community-based systems of care to provide mental health services for adults with serious mental illness (SMI) and children with serious emotional disturbances (SED). The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) has been a direct recipient of these grants since Fiscal Year 1982/1983. These funds are used in accordance with 42 United States Code Annotated Sections 300x through 300x-13, as it read on January 1, 1992, and amended by Public Law 106-310, and will be used as stated in the enclosed Assurance of Compliance with Federal Requirements on Use of Allotments, and the Certification Statements for the following programs:

1. SAMHSA Program Adult System of Care provides funds for residential mental health and case management services for adults at risk of institutionalization or hospitalization. These services are delivered through the Augmented Board and Care System, Institutes for Mental Disease, Homeless Program, and Supervised Treatment After Release. DBH and subcontractors work cooperatively to provide assessment, collateral services, group therapy, medication support, substance abuse counseling, case management, crisis intervention, individual therapy, outreach, socialization and vocational counseling to adult clients throughout the County. SAMHSA funds supporting the adult system of care total \$1,912,140.
2. SAMHSA Program Children's System of Care provides funds for specialized mental health services for children at risk of institutionalization, hospitalization, or long-term incarceration. These services are delivered through the Intensive Residential Treatment Program, Child and Adult Treatment Services, and the Juvenile Justice Outpatient Program at various locations. DBH and subcontractors work cooperatively to provide assessment, collateral services, group therapy, medication support, case management, crisis intervention, group therapy, in-home services, individual therapy, outreach and vocational counseling to children throughout the County. SAMHSA funds supporting the children's system of care total \$367,318.

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3. SAMHSA Dual Diagnosed At-Risk Program provides funds for treatment services for consumers who have a severe and persistent mental illness and a co-existing substance related disorder. In order to meet the complicated needs of the dual diagnosis population the Department will contract with a provider for a facility to house 10 adult male consumers who have co-existing disorders and are in need of residential treatment services. SAMHSA funds supporting the Dual Diagnosed At-Risk Program total \$780,028.

DBH received the Planning Estimate and Renewal Application Instructions DMH Letter No. 03-03 (SAMHSA Letter No. 03-03) dated July 9, 2003 on July 16, 2003. Grant applications were due to DMH by August 29, 2003. DBH sought approval and received an extension until September 11, 2003. Mental Health Commission approval is no longer required per SAMHSA Letter No. 03-03. Although, the term grant is used to reference SAMHSA it is actually an allocation; should funding be approved, SAMHSA will automatically allocate these resources without requiring formal acceptance from the Board of Supervisors. . This allocation is included in the Fiscal Year 2003/2004 budget previously approved by Board of Supervisors for DBH.

The proposed total expenditure level for State Fiscal Year 2003/2004 is \$3,059,486. Funding is subject to adjustments for a net reimbursable amount to the County. The adjustments include, but are not limited to, Gramm-Rudman-Hollings (Federal Deficit Reduction Act) reductions, prior year audit recoveries, Federal legislative mandates applicable to categorical funding, and augmentations. The net amount reimbursable will be reflected in future allocations and/or advance payments as the specific dollar amounts of adjustments become known for each county. If there is an augmentation of funds, the Department will return to the Board for approval to accept the increase in revenue.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed and approved as to form by Deputy County Counsel, Charles J. Larkin on August 25, 2003. This item was also reviewed by County Administrative Office, (Tom DeSantis, Deputy Administrative Officer and Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on August 28, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** This grant allocation revenue is 100% federally funded with no County match requirements. The appropriations and revenue of \$3,059,486 have been included in the Department's approved Fiscal Year 2003/2004 budget.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it will impose no local cost to the County and will result in continued funding of existing mental health and dual diagnosis services.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Rudy Lopez, Director  
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